



**“Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” Vince Lombardi**

## Sock Puppet Marathon a Success

On January 30th, 9 different 4-H groups came to the Untied Methodist Church in Armada to make sock puppets. These sock puppets are going to Haiti. Last year the sock puppets went to Nicaragua. This marathon went from 9am to 5pm. 125 people came to help make the sock puppets.

We had a lot of fun throughout the day. In the morning, we had donuts. In the afternoon, we had pizza. We also had chicken, salad, bread, and other tasty foods. Alissa Gianferrara, School Section 4-H President, put this whole thing on. I got to interview some of the people who were there. Morgan French from Fantastic Felines said, “I like doing this because we are helping Haiti. I would come again and help out.” Evan Covert from School Section 4-H said, “I like making sock puppets. I would come and do this again.” and Blake Muglia from School Section 4-H, said, “I like doing this because it is going to go to a good cause. I had a few words with Alissa Gianferrara. She said, “I am proud of everyone who came. I am very happy that we achieved our goal of the number of sock puppets we made. I am glad that I made everyone happy. I was surprised on how many little kids stayed practically the whole day. We are probably going to have one in a couple of months.” I even got a chance to talk to Kathy Jamison from the MSU Extension Office. She said, “I like seeing all these clubs working together as a team. I like that we are doing something for Haiti.”



Pictured from left to right: Mary Grettenberger, Alysa Brice, Alissa Gianferrara, Becki Brice, and Rose Gianferrara

The 4-H groups that came were School Section 4-H, Fantastic Felines, Ray Community 4-H, Allaro, Clever Clovers, K9 and Company, A Little Tacky, and some other groups from St. Clair County. We also had a robotics team come and help. The team was called Fighting Pi. They were from Armada. We made a lot of sock puppets this year. Last year, we made 300 sock puppets. Our goal this year was 1000. This year we made 1,368 sock puppets! We had about 40 more donated from a group. **Our total was 1,400 sock puppets! We had a really great time. We appreciate everyone who came to help.**

By: Lee Muglia, School Section 4-H

## MSUE Restructuring Update

With the input of stakeholders and decision makers from across the state, MSUE has been undergoing an organization-wide analysis of its programming and administrative structure. The goal was to ensure MSUE continues to remain responsive to the needs of Michigan residents, makes the best use of its resources and positions itself as a key partner in transforming Michigan's economy. As a result of this redesign effort, MSUE will focus its programming initiatives to meet Michigan's most pressing needs in these four key areas:

- Enhancing Michigan's First Green Industry: Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Preparing Michigan's Children & Youth for the Future
- Greening Michigan: Leveraging Natural and Human Assets for Prosperity
- Improving the Health & Nutrition of Michigan's residents

Under the new design, MSUE will maintain its commitment to having an office in every county. Increased coordination between offices will occur through multi-county districts and district coordinators. Macomb will be aligned in a district with Oakland and Wayne counties. This new structure allows for flexibility in staffing assignments, yet remains grounded in a statewide plan of program delivery that is accountable for localized outcomes. It is anticipated that the new districts will be fully implemented by July 1, 2010.

### Kids Helping Kids

#### Silent Auction Benefit !!!!!!!

#### “4-H Gathers to Help HAITI”

We are asking 4-H families to donate items for the auction. Items can be themed baskets, gift certificates, handmade items, or any gift that you feel can bring in some money to benefit those in need in HAITI. It will be held at Armada H.S. at 6:30 pm on March 31, 2010.

**Together 4-H Can Make a Difference!**

For more information and drop off locations -call Haley Waterstraat at 586-727-3030 or email [alaynew@peoplepc.com](mailto:alaynew@peoplepc.com)

### Armada Fair

August 16-22, 2010

<http://www.armadafair.org>

**4-H Theme: “Take The Path 4-H  
Paves 4 U”**

# Club & Committee News

Hi Fellow 4-Her's. Parents, Girl Scouts and the Macomb Academy Robotics Team,

I just want to thank everyone who attended my Sock Puppet Marathon on Saturday. With all of your help I was able to reach my goal of 1,000 sock puppets and beyond. As I announced on Saturday, we made a total of over 1400 puppets. I couldn't do it without you!! And I cannot thank you enough!!! You all brightened over 1300 little children's lives. You should all be very proud of yourselves! I know I am!:) We will be doing this again because more sock puppets are needed. I'm working on having Mr. Jerry Smith at the next one. Jerry is the puppet man who will be bringing the puppets to Haiti along with some of the other missionaries. I would have to say he is one of the nicest gentlemen I've ever met. He was very kind to me when I had a ton of questions for him. Jerry was not able to attend this community service because he was out of town. I know he was sad about that. When I spoke to him he was very overjoyed by the amount of sock puppets we made. It would be nice to have him at the next one so he can answer any question you may have. I'll let you know as soon as we schedule it.



Alissa Gianferrara and Mr. Smith (2010)

An extra thank you goes out to Miss Mary, for seeing something in me that I didn't see myself, you know those 4-H leaders always pushing you and saying you can do this. Mrs. Brice, for setting up, cleaning up, and always saying "yes". Mrs. Jamieson and the Extension Office for donating the food and glue sticks. I was so glad you were able to come and join us. Alyssa Brice for being my right hand on Saturday. She was with me the whole day from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and never complained about it! Thank you all for the extra hours you put in to make this goal of mine possible! I would also like to thank Carol, owner of The Better Dollar Country Store on Gratiot in New Haven what a nice lady and my dance sisters at Main Stage Center for the Arts for donating socks and supplies. And what would we ever do without the United Methodist Church of Armada. I don't think "no" is in your vocabulary. What would School Section 4-H be without you. And lastly, thank you to my family who always supports me and loves me for who I am!

My heart has been smiling since Saturday!

**Thank You Thank You Thank You!!!!**

**Alissa Gianferrara**

**Livestock Tagging Time Change:** Swine, Lamb and Goat tagging will be held on Sunday, June 13 at the Armada Fairgrounds from **10:00 am to Noon** to provide cooler-safer animal handling.

## King and Queen Contest

Now is the time to start thinking about nominating someone from your club for King or Queen. By participating in this program, youth gain leadership experience, enhance their communication skills and play an active role in promoting 4-H in the community. Each club can nominate one boy and one girl from their club membership. Candidates should be good representatives of what 4-H stands for.

### Nomination Process:

- Nominees must be 4-H age 14-18 and have **completed** a minimum of 2 years in 4-H (not including current year).
- Nominees must complete a King/Queen application form on 4-H County website and return it to the 4-H office by June 11, 2010.
- **Club Leader** must turn in nominations to the fair office under Department 81 by the fair deadline-June 30th.

### Selection Process:

- Nominees will be interviewed on their 4-H experience prior to the fair by a panel of judges. **This year interviews will take place on JULY 28 at Wolcott Farm. Exceptions can not be made to this date.**
- Nominees are judged on both their interview and application.
- Nominees can also receive additional points towards their score based on the votes of 4-H members. The date and time of the voting will be determined by the 4-H Superintendent.

### Court Members Obligations (this refers to all club King and Queen Nominees):

- Must be present fair week for scheduled duties such as petting farm, exhibit building, handing out ribbons, and clover sprout judging.
- Must be willing to represent 4-H throughout the year including participation in local parades and 4-H county activities.
- Must be willing to help with making parade float.
- Must display record/scrapbook, project photos, special awards and recognitions in the 4-H Exhibit Building during fair week.

**More Information:** For more information contact the 4-H Superintendents, Jenna Lotan 586.781.7081, Jean or Christine Bingham 586.784.5021 or Kathy at the MSUE office 586.469.6431.

# Club & Committee News (cont.)

## 2009 Mentor Recognition and County Awards Participants and Winners

Congratulations to all the leaders and youth who were recognized at the 2009 Mentor & County Awards Banquet on January 28, 2010. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this year's banquet a success. Special thanks goes to Ashley Cerku and Elizabeth Brockert for serving as our Masters of Ceremony, Faye Cerku for her decorating expertise, our judging committee and all the youth presenters. Below is a list of all the participants. An asterisk (\*) indicates a trophy winner.

### Project Awards – Junior Division

**Archery-** Ryan Cerku (Midnite Riders) \*  
**Dairy Goats-** Breana Knust (Northern Macomb) \*  
**Horse & Pony-** Ryan Cerku (Midnite Riders) \*  
**Lambs-** Heather Kitchen (Alarro) \*  
**Market Goats-** Alissa Gianferrara (School Section) \*  
**Mini Horses-** Audrey Davis (Mini, Mighty, & All)  
Rebecca Konopaski (Midnite Riders) \*  
**Poultry-** Claire Vestrand (Ray Community) \*  
**Rabbits-** Alissa Gianferrara (School Section) \*  
Kelsey Motoligin (Northern Macomb)  
**Swine-** Heather Kitchen (Alarro)

### Project Awards – Senior Division

**Arts and Crafts-** Haley Waterstraat (Clever Clovers) \*  
**Beef-** Kelly Goolsby (Kid's 'N' Kritters) \*  
**Cavies-** Brianna Wilkinson (K-9 & Kompany) \*  
**Draft Horses-** Jeffrey Foehl (Mini, Mighty, & All)  
**Horse & Pony-** Ashley Cerku (Midnite Riders) \*  
**Mini Horses-** Daniel Cooper (Mini, Mighty, & All)  
Justin Decker (Just For Fun) \*  
**Poultry-** April Wesolowski (Clever Clovers) \*

### Special Awards

**Achievement-** Ashley Cerku (Midnite Riders) \*  
**Key Club-** Crystal Knust (Ambassador Club) \*  
**Sportsmanship-** Jeffrey Foehl (Mini, Mighty, & All) \*  
**Clear the Hurdle-** Daniel Cooper (Mini, Mighty, & All) \*  
**Leader Lifetime Achievement-**  
Janet Weber (Mini, Mighty, & All) \*  
**Club Community Service Award-** School Section \*  
**4-H Leader of the Year-** Mike DeFour \*  
**4-H Mentor of the Year-** John Bontsas \*  
**Friend of 4-H Awards-**  
Black Tie Ranch (PEP) \* St. Thomas Lutheran Church\*  
\*JC Penney– Roseville \* Armada Fair \*

### Youth Presenters

Elizabeth Siefert-Great Lakes Natural Resource Camp  
Melissa Mikolowski-County and State 4-H YCC  
Alissa Gianferrara, Mark Of Excellence  
Jerry Smith-Sock Puppet Marathon  
Morgan French-Junior Master Gardeners  
Liz Brockert-Livestock Camp  
Heather Kitchen-Livestock Jeopardy  
Chris Watts-Peer Mentoring  
Justin Decker-Exploration Days  
Brianna Wilkinson-Ambassador Club

### 4-H Youth Mentor Program

Mentor: Paul Allmacher	Mentee: Kyle
Mentor: Kim Baldwin	Mentee: Kaitlin
Mentor: John Bonstas	Mentee: Tim
Mentor: Maegan Calabrese	Mentee: Kim
Mentor: Ralph Catana	Mentee: John
Mentor: John DeVergilio	Mentee: Jacquelyn
Mentor: Carl Etue	Mentee: Jordan
Mentor: Annie Levanaku	Mentee: Patricia
Mentor: Dorrie Marzilli	Mentee: Danielle
Mentor: Rebecca Mertz	Mentee: Anna
Mentor: Steve Monteleone	Mentee: Nick
Mentor: Joann Mutti	Mentee: Allison
Mentor: Byron Simmons	Mentees: Zack, Mitch, & Jeremy
Mentor: Bobby Staszak	Mentee: Jerrell
Mentor: Becky Vermander	Mentee: Christa
Mentor: Cindy Wood	Mentee: Hannah

**4-H Meant to Mentor L'Anse Creuse North Peer Mentor Program,** Leader: Jim Julian

**4-H Leadership Group Lincoln HS Peer Mentor Program,** Leader: Cindy Boeneman

**4-H Macomb Community College Mentor Program**



Janet Weber (center) is presented with the 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award by Commissioner, Ken Lampar (left) and 4-H Extension Educator, Kathy Jamieson (right).

### **County Awards Judging Committee Thank you, Thank you!**

Mark Balabuch (Ray's Riding Rascals)  
Faye Cerku (Midnite Riders)  
Mary Grettenberger (School Section)  
Sue Kutche (Romeo Rough Riders)  
Don VanDeWater (Ray Community)  
Alayne Waterstraat (Clever Clovers)



# Upcoming Events

## 4-H Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU pre-college program designed to: help you learn new ideas, techniques and skills you can use personally and in your 4-H groups; offer action learning through sessions in your interest areas; enhance your personal growth by giving you opportunities to develop responsibility, independence, accountability, decision making, time management and teamwork skills; meet new people and make new friends; and give you access to the MSU campus. Program descriptions and registration forms available at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>.

**WHEN:** June 23-25, 2010 (Wednesday to Friday)

**FOR WHOM:** You must be at least 11 years old by January 1, 2010.

**FEES:** the full-time registration fee is \$165. Non 4-H youth pay an additional \$10 participation fee. The registration fee includes all meals, shared lodging, a T-shirt and sessions.

**REGISTRATION:** The 4-H office enters registrations (starting March 23rd) in the order they were received. Classes fill up quickly so turn your registration forms as soon as possible. Do not wait until March 23rd

### MANDATORY EXPLORATION DAYS ORIENTATION:

Will be on **Thursday, June 3rd @ 6:30 pm** held at 4-H Office -21885 Dunham Clinton Township, MI 48036 Entrance E

## Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

If you would like to know more about the dairy industry, register for this conference, to be held April 16-18 at Bayshore camp. The conference is open to youth aged 13 to 19. The cost for this conference is \$90. Registration deadline is April 2 at 5:00 pm.

## Information will be coming soon about these programs

Check out the website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html>

- 4-H Companion Animal Workshop
- State 4-H Goat Show
- State 4-H Goat Expo
- State 4-H Poultry Palooza
- State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
- MI 4-H Livestock Camp (contact Branch County 4-H office)

The 4-H office will email information as soon as it is available.

## 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop and Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop

These workshops are running concurrently on March 19-21 at Kettunen Center in Tustin. Participants will pick from a variety of topics offered in six different break-out sessions. They will gain fun, hands-on-ideas, projects and activities for use in their club or county programs. They will update their knowledge and skills, share ideas and learn to enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Persons ages 13 and older are welcome to attend. The cost is \$70. Register with the MSU Extension office by March 5, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information.

## New Volunteer Orientation

The dates for the next two 4-H New Volunteer Orientations are

March 3, 2010	6:00 p.m.	MSU Extension Office
April 6, 2010	6:00 p.m.	MSU Extension Office

Adults working with 4-H youth are required to have this training. If you have questions or would like to sign up for either of these sessions, contact Vickie Hart at (586) 469-6431 or e-mail [veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov)



## MSU Hairy Horse Show

"It's OK to bring that hairy horse"  
MSU Pavilion Sunday, March 28th  
7 a.m. Registration begins  
8:30 a.m. Show begins

- Show open to any breed of horse
- No stallions allowed at this event.
- A/HA classes open to Arabian & Half-Arab only
- ASTM/SEI approved helmet required in all youth Hunt Seat classes (19 & under)
- Negative Coggins for 2010 required.
- Reserve early a limited amount of stalls are available.

\$40 per stall

**No refunds after March 15th. Call 517-353-1748 or e-mail [tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu) for more information.**

## 2010 State 4-H Horse Jamboree

Register by March 19th. Jamboree is being held April 17, 2010. For more information go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids>



## Spotlight on Speed

Get your horse warmed up for the season's shows. Saturday, April 24, 2010. Show begins at 9:00 am. This is being held at the MSU Pavilion. Check out the website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/>

# Upcoming Events

## Essay Contest

### 2010 age categories, minimum word limits and topics:

**Senior** (4-H age 17-19 as of Jan. 1, 2010) 1000 word minimum

**Topic:** Animal welfare is also an important part of raising livestock and recently has been given more attention in the media, often from a negative perspective. Why is it important that farmers properly care for their animals? What can be done to help consumers understand how their food is raised and what practices do farmers implement to properly care for their animals? What ideas do you have as a livestock producer that can help educate consumers about animal welfare and where their food comes from?

**Intermediate** (4-H age 13-16 as of Jan. 1, 2010) 500 word minimum.

**Topic:** What is Beef Quality Assurance? Why is it important in today's beef industry? What role do you and your project play in Beef Quality Assurance?

**Junior** (4-H age 9-12 as of Jan. 1, 2010) 200 word minimum.

**Topic:** Caring for your animals, making sure they are healthy, and producing healthy food is important. As a young beef producer, what steps do you take to ensure your animals are cared for, healthy, and will result in a safe and wholesome product entering the food chain?

**Winners** will be announced on Saturday, April 17th at the Thumb Jackpot Show! \$100 for 1st place in each age group. \$50 for 2nd place in each age group. \$25 to each participant beyond 1st and 2nd place that submits a complete (as determined by judges) essay.

### Essays will be evaluated on:

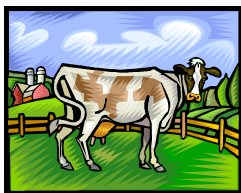
- Originality & creativity
- Neatness & legibility (typed is preferred)
- Grammar & spelling
- Completeness of discussing the topic
- Accuracy of information
- Thoroughness

**All entries should have a cover page with exhibitor's name, birthdate, address, phone #, county, beef project leader's name, and list of resources used.**

**Completed essays must be received by April 1, 2010**

MSU Extension-Samillac County  
37 Austin Street  
Sandusky, MI 48471

For questions  
contact: Rebecca at  
586-531-6163



## Celebrate America Saves Week

Youth today spend a lot of money: \$172 billion according to a June 2003 online Harris Interactive Youth Pulse survey of 3,432 young people ages 8 to 21.

- Pre-teens, ages 8-12, spend \$19.1 billion dollars per year (\$946 per child).
- Teens, ages 13-19, spend \$94.7 billion dollars per year (\$3,309 per child).
- Young adults, ages 20-21 spend \$61.3 billion dollars per year (\$7,389 each).

Students are leaving college with more debt than ever. Student loan amounts are increasing, tuition keeps rising, and credit cards are being pushed on students at many campuses. The median education loan debt is nearly \$20,000 for full-time students at four-year colleges, and that does not include credit card debt. More than half of students surveyed had \$5,000 in credit card debt and one-third had more than \$10,000. Graduate school students surveyed had an average credit card debt of \$7,831. They also reported holding an average of six credit cards each. This heavy reliance on credit by young people is manifesting itself in increasing rates of bankruptcy among 25-44 year olds who can't get out from under debt acquired while in school, let alone that acquired afterwards.

### Act now to avoid putting your financial future at risk!

Check out AmericaSaves, ([www.americasaves.org](http://www.americasaves.org)) a nationwide campaign in which a broad coalition of non-profit, corporate, and government groups help individuals and families build wealth. The website will provide you with strategies to live well within your means. Enroll on the site and get a free newsletter and free financial planning advice tailored to your stated goals, and start down a 10-mile path to saving and building wealth.

## 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

**When:** August 1-7, 2010. Registration deadline May 7, 2010 (late fee applies after this date if openings are still available)

**Where:** Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle

**Who:** 4-H and non 4-H youth, ages 13 to 15.

**Cost:** \$335. 4-H Council scholarships available for this event. This pre-college program provides hands-on experiences, builds leadership skills, and encourages career exploration while learning about Great Lakes ecology and management issues and fostering environmental stewardship. Fun activities include charter boat fishing, kayaking and sailing, using GPS/GIS technology, photography, hiking, shooting sports, light house tour, snorkeling, swimming and lots more.

To learn more (and download registration materials), check out the information and slideshow on line at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>.

# Notes from the 4-H Office

## International Exchange Hosting Opportunities

**INCOMING BELIZE:** Host families will be needed for 6-8 Belize delegates (who will attend Expo Days when they first arrive) from approximately late June to mid-July.

**INCOMING JAPAN:** About 60 Japanese youth between the ages of 12-16 will be in Michigan from approximately July 23 to August 21. Families who host these students will receive a \$100 scholarship each summer they host (up to \$300 maximum) that can be used toward sending a family member to Japan on an outbound program.

**YEAR-LONG FLEX EXCHANGE FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION:** Michigan will be hosting 5 FLEX students, high school juniors or seniors, from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Ukraine. Students will arrive in August and leave in June 2011.

**INCOMING COSTA RICA:** These youth, aged 15-19, will be in Michigan from mid-June to mid-July.

Host families must participate in a home visit with a 4-H staff member and family members over the age of 18 must complete a criminal background check. More information on hosting families is available on the State 4-H website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/interex.html>. If you are interested in hosting or want more information, contact Anne at the 4-H Office.

## Volunteer of the Month: Jim Julian

Jim Julian, a retired teacher, is the leader of the 4-H Meant to Mentor Peer Mentoring Program that meets at Atwood Elementary in Macomb Twp. Jim volunteered to take over as the leader of this club in 2007. Since then, he has continued to expand the program, get more mentors involved and provide the group with positive leadership.

The Meant to Mentor Program meets every Wednesday throughout the school year. The mentors are recruited from L'Anse Creuse North High School and they serve as positive role models for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at Atwood Elementary. With the help and guidance of Jim, the peer mentors come up with different activities each week to give the elementary students valuable experiences in areas such as self-esteem, social skills, teamwork, creativity, and education. Jim serves as a mentor to all the students, making himself available to them for anything that they need to continue the success of the program.

When asked about his experience, Jim responded with, "All I can say about mentoring is that I really enjoy it, and it's rewarding. I've never worked with high school kids before, but they're fantastic. They're really dedicated. The high school kids get just as much out of it as the elementary kids. So far, the program has been very successful."



Congratulations, Jim! The program would not have been able to continue without you and a lot of great kids.

## Alarro sponsors Project Clover 5K Run/Walk

Project Clover provides quality meat products to local food pantries or soup kitchens while supporting or purchasing 4-H youth livestock projects sold during the 4-H Livestock Sale. During tough economic times, many families can't afford protein enriched food, especially meat. Project Clover connects 4-H members to the community by contributing a variety of quality meat products such as beef, swine, lamb, goats, poultry and rabbits.

Project Clover is proud to host its first annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Armada Fairgrounds. All registered racers/walkers receive a t-shirt and top runners/walkers will be recognized at the end of the race. There is even a 1 mile fun run for kids. Registration forms are on line:

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html> For more information contact Jennifer @ 810.395.2257 or Becky at 586.784.9846.

# Notes from the 4-H Office

## 2010 4-H Fair Superintendents

Dept. 2	Dairy Cattle	Mark Falker	586-752-2487
Dept. 4	Beef Cattle	Carl Myer Ray Kuschel	810-392-3177 586-784-8655
Dept. 6	Sheep	Marie Marcath	586-949-7538
Dept. 8	Goats	Jean Bingham Jenny Karl	586-784-5021 586-784-8328
Dept. 10	Swine	Earl Proctor Marie Marcath	586-784-5054 586-949-7538
Dept. 16	Saddle Horses	TBD	
Dept. 18	Draft Horses	Patricia Fons	586-784-8769
Dept. 28	Mini Horses	Patricia Fons	586-784-8769
Dept. 12	Poultry	Penny Tibbits Val Cusumano	586-784-9908 586-727-8384
Dept. 14	Rabbits	Kathy Matthews	586-749-3165
Dept. 22	Dogs/Cats	Jim Jerse	586-749-3770
Dept. 30	Pocket Pets	Kathy Matthews	586-749-3165
Dept. 70	Needlework (Creative Stitchery)	Marilyn Bohm	586-337-1542
Dept. 71	Culinary Arts (Food Preparation)	Val Cusumano	586-727-8384
Dept. 72	Fine Arts (Artists)	Marilyn Bohm	586-749-3746
Dept. 73	Folk Arts (Creative Arts)	Mary Grettenberger Rose Gianferrara	586-784-3072 586-784-8024
Dept. 74	Photography/Sun. Judging Cord	Jan Mueller	810-798-3663
Dept. 76	Agriculture (Grains & Herbs)	Sue Archambault	586-201-6884
Dept. 77	Floriculture	Sue Archambault	586-201-6884
Dept. 78	Horticulture	Sue Archambault	586-201-6884
Dept. 79	Sciences (Industrial Arts/woodworking)	Herman Houin	313-882-9591
Dept. 80	Natural Resources	Betty Nebel Alayne Waterstraat	586-468-7112 586-727-3030
Dept. 81	Organizations (Exhibit Bld. Club Displays) (Grand Best of Show) (King & Queen)	MSU Extension  Nancy Davis Jenna Lotan Jean/Christine Bingham	586-469-6431  586-784-9410 586-784-7081 586-784-5021
Dept. 82	Educational Projects Pt. 1 (Veterinary Science)	Julie Bergstrom Penny Tibbits	586-727-7852 586-784-9908
	Educational Projects Pt. 2 (Family, Personal Appearance & Folk Patterns)	Alayne Waterstraat	586-727-3030
Dept. 83	Demonstrations (Additional Proj.)	Paul Gianferrara	586-784-8024
Dept. 84	2010 MI State Fair Gold Ribbon Cloversprouts	Nancy Davis Jenna Lotan	586-784-9410 586-781-7081
	Teen Clerks	TBD	

**April 19, 2010**

### 4-H Superintendent –Leader Meeting

We invite all 4-H Superintendents and Club Leaders involved in the fair to join MSUE 4-H and the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board members in a planning meeting on Monday, April 19 at the MSU Extension Office Senior Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Fair books and forms will be distributed to leaders at this meeting. Topics will include Sunday judging, updates, fairgrounds clean up, sign up for 4-H petting farm and exhibit building. This is a wonderful opportunity for both 4-H and Fair Superintendents to discuss their respective departments and work out details for this year's 2010 Armada Fair. To ensure enough food and materials are available, please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 by calling 586-469-6431 or emailing [macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov).

### Positions still needed for Fair

Superintendents for Exhibit Building -Set Up /Clean up and Teen Clerk

### Making the Most of your Money in 2010

Parents and youth are invited to attend this half day FREE conference sponsored by MSUE Family Programs, 4-H Youth Program, and United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Conference will be held on April 24 at the MISD from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Classes for youth include Be Your Own Boss and Dollars and Sense. Adults can also take a variety of classes on budgeting, credit, affordable housing, stretching your food dollars, and foreclosure prevention. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Watch our e-mail updates for registration information.

### Teambuilding Life Skill Training


Please join the 4-H club and mentor programs on Thursday, April 1, for a Life Skills Training on teamwork. We will be learning several different lessons on teamwork. These fun activities will be hands-on, interactive learning experiences that demonstrate that two heads are better than one. These experiential "mind teasers" are a lot of fun and teach a good lesson. The program will be held at the 4-H office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. You must RSVP to Rachel at 586-783-8163 or [rcalca@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:rcalca@macombcountymi.gov) by Wednesday, March 31st. Hope to see you there!



# Macomb County 4-H Calendar of Events - March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-H State Awards Application Deadline 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Deadline	2	3 New Volunteer Orientation 6 pm-9 pm at MSUE office	4	5	6 Ray's RR 4-H Horse Tack Sale 10 am-2:30 pm SE Regional Leadership Academy 9 am-4:30 Livestock Jeopardy 11:00 am at Armada Lions
7	8	9	10	11 Companion Animals Committee 6:30 MSUE	12	13
14	15 Kalamazoo County 4-H Horse Leaders Tack Sale 5 pm-9 pm	16	17	18	19 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop March 19-21, Kettunen Center	20 4-H Envir. & Outdoor Education Workshop, Kettunen Center, March 19-21
21 4-H Capital Day Experience 21-24	22 Horse Program Committee Mtg., 7 p.m., Camp Rotary	23 Start Expo Days Registration	24	25	26	27 One Day Clinic "Refining Your Skills in the Western Specialized Events" Call Chris @ 586-784-4334
28 Hairy Horse Show @ MSU Pavilion	29	30	31 Silent Auction for HAITI 6:30 @Armada H.S			

# Macomb County 4-H Calendar of Events - April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 New Volunteer Orientation at MSUE Office 6-9 pm.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 4-H Dairy Conference, April 16-18, Kettunen Center Beef show@Goodles Pk	17 State 4-H Horse Jamboree and Regional Horse Bowl
18 4-H Dairy Conference at Bayshore Camp Novice & Open Obedience Registration starts @ 9:30 am	19 4-H Leader, Superintendent and Fair Board Meeting @6:15 MSUE office	20	21	22	23 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Kettunen Center End Expo Day Reg.	24 Spotlight on Speed at MSU Pavilion 9:00 am Money Conference MISD 9-1
25	26 Livestock Sale Subcommittee mtg., 7 p.m., Armada High School Horse Prg. Committee mtg., 7 p.m., Camp Rotary	27	28	29	30 Expo Days Deadline 5:00 pm	